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REMARKS

The claims have been amended to improve the clarity of the claimed subject matter and to bring the claims into conformity with U.S. Practice and format, and to

place the application fully in condition for allowance. All of the amendments are fully

supported by the original disclosure of this application and therefore do not constitute

the introduction of any new matter into this case.

The amendments are proposed pursuant to Rule 116 to place the application fully

in condition for allowance or to place the application. It is believed that the amendments

do not raise substantive issues that were not previously considered by the Examiner.

Claims 1 and 3-14 remain pending upon entry of the amendments to the claims

above.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1, 3-10 and 13 are

allowed. Claims 4, 6 and 13 have been amended to place same more in accord with

U.S. practice and format. No new matter has been entered, and the scope of the claims

are not affected. Entry of the amendments to claims 4, 6 and 13 is requested.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 11-12 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as

being indefinite. Accordingly, the claims have been amended to place same in accord

with all requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicant thanks the

Examiner for the correction of the claims. In view of the amendments to the claims,

withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In the event there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present

application which can be resolved by a telephone call or facsimile communication to

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